

LEETON HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter

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Week 4

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"Educating young people for active and responsible citizenship"

~~PRINCIPAL'S REPORT~~

Students in the junior school commence their end of year assessment period either this week or next. Year 10 students commence examinations on Monday 27 October. Years 7, 8 and 9 will commence next week and continue until 13 November. Please note that students are in normal lessons whenever they are not doing examinations.

The development of the school plan 2015-17 is continuing throughout term 4. As part of this process we will be seeking input from parents and carers. This information will be gathered in a number of ways, but mainly from a short survey of parents and carers visiting the school office and through P&C. Students will also be asked to contribute through their DEAR groups and the SRC. The information collected will be collated and help towards planning directions for the next few years.

Thank you to the principals of Murrami PS and Whitton PS who outlined the changes to their schools from next year, at our last Leeton Community of Public Schools meeting. Numbers at both schools have been declining and as a result it has been decided to amalgamate the schools. This will allow both schools to combine their resources and staff to form an outstandingly resources small school catering for the students of both Murrami and Whitton.

Last week we sent home a pamphlet from an organisation called Kinetic Education. Please note there is no obligation for parents and carers to take up this program. The school will be using the maths and literacy aspects of the program in 2015 to provide additional support and activities for students at school.

Year 6 students enrolling in Leeton High School in 2015 will have their Orientation Day on Tuesday 18 November. Year Adviser Naomi Stout and Year 10 leaders are busy preparing for the day.

Thank you to Taylor Hunter-Boyd, Sarah Bush, Dearne Hunter-Boyd and Siarne Deeves for helping Cancer Council with Pink Ribbon Day last Friday 24 October.

Greg Horton, Principal

SCHOOL AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students on achieving awards:

SILVER AWARDS: Georgina Richards, Trent Jongebloed (Year 7), Chloe Noack, Caylee Petrie and Stephanie Sharp-Finn (Year 8).

GOLD AWARDS: Cooper Newman (Year 7), Nicholas Trifogli and Zoe Russell (Year 11).

EXECUTIVE AWARDS: Sophie O'Connell, Shikiah Ingram (Year 7), Kyle Richards (Year 8), Amber Williams, Hannah Bush (Year 9), Sarah Bush, Georgia Green (Year 10) and Lisa Clark (Year 11).

~~DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT~~

As the weather warms up, we have noticed some instances where students have arrived not only out of uniform, but dressed 'inappropriately'. The main concern for girls appears to be with 'short shorts' and leggings. If the school deems what your daughter is wearing to be inappropriate (or potentially embarrassing for them) then parents will be called to rectify the situation. Additionally, a handful of boys on the other hand have embraced merchandise depicting marijuana leaves. Again, this is inappropriate and disallowed in schools across the state – as is apparel related to alcohol – and the offending items will be confiscated and only returned when parents come to personally collect them from the front office.

The solution is simple. **Wear your school uniform.**

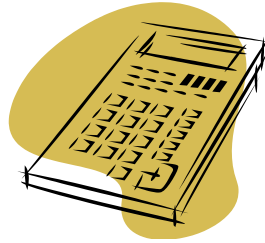
With respect to **sports uniform to PE classes**, if there is a problem, with bringing your sports uniform to class that day, please bring a change of clothes and a note. Repeat offenders will be **"Level Dropped"**. This happened to a few individuals last term.

Hopefully, as you read this, the students' exams are going well and that their revision work, with the tedium that may come with that, is being rewarded. On assembly, I stressed the importance of exams, with emphasis on students to show respect for their peers.

Please ensure that you have all of the necessary equipment for this Assessment Period. This includes:



PENS



CALCULATOR



COURAGE

Everyone in the school has the right to respect and the right to learn. A very dim view, indeed, will be taken on those students who disrupt an exam environment. As well as possible suspensions, offending students may be served with an N-letter, which may impact on them being eligible to be awarded credentials for their Stage 5 Record of School Achievement or R.O.S.A (the 'artist formally known as the School Certificate).

Don't risk being caught in educational purgatory! Respect your peers and have a crack at the exams. They do not last forever.

Andrew Morschel, Deputy Principal

SCHOOL NEWS

SNAKE TAILS

"Snake Tails", a live reptile show, came to Leeton High School on Tuesday 14 October. Around 100 students attended the show where the highlight was the opportunity to handle several live reptiles including a python called George. The show focused on informing students about the need for snakes and lizards in our environment and why they need to be protected. The students were enthralled as the presenter, Bob Withey, gave them a new appreciation for reptiles and cleared up many myths that people have about snakes and lizards.



Brianna Gray-Mills



Elise Holt



Tamika Bell, Chevaughn Moore & Tahlia Wakley-Taylor

CSU VISIT

On Tuesday 14 October students from Years 9, 10 and 11 participated in a series of career-related workshops provided by Charles Sturt University. This was the second component of a partnership developed between CSU and Leeton High School and is aimed at raising students' awareness of tertiary options and pathways to university. Previously in term 3 students from Years 9 and 11 visited Charles Sturt University where they toured the campus and participated in mini-lectures and seminars.

SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR PREPARATIONS

Preparations for the 2014 Schools Spectacular are in full swing this term with the choir in regular rehearsals, the dancers heading to Wagga for a number of group rehearsals and our representative students Taylor Hunter-Boyd, Hannah Boardman, Courtlyn Tuckett, Esther Deeves and Amber Williams are about to embark on several trips to Wagga and Sydney for rehearsals with their respective group.

REMINDERS!!

1. Performers – make sure you check the notices each day for upcoming news, rehearsal and meeting information.
2. Parents and guardians - all money needs to be paid up by the end of week 5 and keep an eye out for a nice big stack of permission notes and final details that will also be coming home soon.
3. All – Tickets are currently on sale at ticketek.com.au. School Spec is an amazing show and LHS has 31 talented students performing in it so don't miss out!

On Tuesday 21st October the Dance Ensemble travelled to Wagga Wagga High School (WWHS) to work with assistant choreographer for our segment 'Under the Southern Stars', Kathryn Fisher (dance teacher at WWHS). The three Riverina Ensembles, WWHA, Riverina Albury Dance Ensemble and ourselves, have been given an entire song within the segment, with our 48 regional students really being offered the opportunity to shine this year. The segment 'Under the Southern Stars' celebrates our Australia's successful Musical Theatre performers through music from the Broadway hit *West Side Story*. This group will perform to the song *Cool* before being joined by all the metropolitan schools with the segment for a finale piece, *Mambo*. The students are very excited by this opportunity and re working hard to perfect some complex choreography.

The LHS Ensemble was also selected to take part in a special opportunity connecting non-metropolitan and metropolitan schools. The Telstra Video Conference Link Up allows four regional schools to be able to see and rehearse the finale with all of the dancers at the Sydney Entertainment Centre. The students will take part in this rehearsal today (27/10/14). This is a fantastic opportunity for our regional students to be part of the first combined rehearsal at the Qantas Credit Union Arena (formally known as the Entertainment Centre).

Courtlyn Tuckett of Year 8 has also been busy preparing for the Schools Spectacular as well. As part of the Ballet Ensemble she has been attending rehearsals at Newtown High School of the Performing Arts last week and today at the Qantas Credit Union Arena. She was also part of the live finale rehearsal broadcast through our video linkup.

MINDMATTERS...

Leeton High School has formed a team to begin implementing the MindMatters Framework at LHS. "MindMatters is about young people; their health and wellbeing. It helps schools to support young people to achieve their goals, build relationships and cope with challenges." (MindMatters website)

Staff have recently attended an implementation workshop and are currently engaged in on-going training relating to Mental Health and Well Being. Staff and students will be engaging in some focused wellbeing activities.

The team has already had two anti-bullying lessons and plans for many more are underway. We aim to bring positive Mental Health to the forefront of what the MindMatters team does in our school community. To do this effectively staff have already completed a survey and in the coming weeks we will be asking students and families to do the same.

Attached to this newsletter is a survey for you to fill out. Once completed please return to the front office. Thank you

SCHOOL SPORT

NETBALL GALA DAY

On Tuesday 21 October 2014, Leeton High School's girls U15's netball team participated in the CHS U15's Knockout Gala Day. The team consisted of Molly Pettersson, Carley Graham, Siarne Deeves, Jorgy Eglinton (Year 8), Hayley Graham, Jenna Elliott, Katie Harrison and April Schmetzer (Year 7). The girls played really well considering this was the first time they performed together as a team. On the day the conditions were quite warm, despite this everyone put in a tremendous effort. The team are to be congratulated on their sportsmanship and determined performances on the day. The girls played 5 games; 27-5 loss against RAP, 22-5 win against Narrandera High, 12-10 win against Griffith High, 19-5 loss against Albury High and a 12-12 draw against Wade High.

Well done to the girls and a big thankyou to all the parent drivers/supporters who attended the day.



Back row: April Schmetzer, Molly Pettersson, Jenna, Hayley Graham
Front row: Katie Harrison, Carley Graham, Jorgy Eglinton, Siarne Deeves and Mrs Turner

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon 27th Oct – Year 10 Exams Commenced
Thur 11th Dec – Presentation Night
Wed 17th Dec – Last Day for Students

Mon 3rd Nov – Years 7, 8 & 9 Exams Commence
Fri 12th Dec – MADD Night
Tue 18th Dec – Yr 6 Orientation Day

DIESEL MECHANIC APPRENTICESHIP

Griffith Truck Sales & Repairs Pty Ltd are seeking anyone interested in a Diesel Mechanic (Heavy Vehicle) Apprenticeship for 2015.

Students in Yrs 10, 11 or 12 can apply. Should you be interested please contact Bruno Marcon on 6962 5955 or pop in for a chat with Bruno at 48 Bridge Rd, Griffith or fax an application/resume to 6962 5956. You can also e-mail:
griffithtrucksales@bigpond.com

Applications close 25 November 2014

LEETON PROUD AND DEADLY AWARDS 2014

This year's Proud & Deadly Awards will be held at Parkview Public School on Wednesday 3rd December, 2014, commencing at 6pm.